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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS REMARKS OF PRESIDENT NIXON, EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI, AND SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF FOLLOWING FEB. 19 MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE:

2. THE PRESIDENT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF OF SAUDI ARABIA AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI OF EGYPT, DR. KISSINGER AND I HAVE JUST HAD AN EXTENDED AND VERY CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH REGARD TO OUR ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDEASTERN AREA.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE VARIOUS STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN, THE FIRST OF WHICH, OF COURSE, WAS THE DISENGAGEMENT ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT, THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM THAT CONCERNS US ALL IS TO OBTAIN DISENGAGEMENT ON THE SYRIAN FRONT.

4. THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE HERE REPRESENTING NOT ONLY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS BUT ALSO FOUR HEADS OF STATE, AS THEY WILL INDICATE, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONVEYING THE REQUESTS OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT STEPS SHOULD NOW BE TAKEN TO GET THE

TALKS BEGUN BETWEEN THE SYRIANS AND THE ISRAELIS WITH REGARD TO DISENGAGEMENT.

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5. CONSEQUENTLY, AT THEIR REQUEST, I HAVE ASKED DR. KISSINGER, WHEN HE COMPLETES HIS TRIP TO MEXICO CITY, TO GO TO THE MIDEAST AGAIN WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH THE SYRIANS AND WITH THE ISRAELIS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF GETTING TALKS STARTED WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF DISENGAGEMENT ON THE SYRIAN FRONT.

6. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE DISCUSSED OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN HAVING TO DO PARTICULARLY WITH THE NEED TO HAVE A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDEAST, AND I WOULD SAY--AND I WOULD ALLOW EACH OF THEM, OR ASK EACH OF THEM TO COMMENT AS THEY SEE FIT WITH REGARD TO THE POINT I WILL BE MAKING NOW--THAT THE GOAL OF ALL GOVERNMENTS--THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS, WITH WHICH WE HAVE HAD VERY FRIENDLY RELATIONS IN RECENT TIMES AND SOME OVER A LONGER TIME--THE GOAL OF OUR GOVERNMENTS IS TO HAVE NOT SIMPLY A TEMPORARY SETTLEMENT BUT A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT, WITH NORMAL RELATIONS, ECONOMICALLY, DIPLOMATICALLY AND IN OTHER WAYS IN THAT AREA OF THE WORLD AND WITH ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF THAT AREA OF THE WORLD.

7. AS OUR SENIOR GUEST WE WILL CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SAUDI ARABIA TO SAY ANYTHING HE WOULD LIKE.
MR. SAQQAF.

8. FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF: MY FRIENDS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9. I THINK YOU SEE ME NOW FOR THE THIRD TIME. YOU MIGHT NOTICE THAT I AM BETTER RELAXED. THE REASON IS THAT I HAVE HAD A VERY GOOD AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT AND WITH THE SECRETARY.

10. I THINK MR. PRESIDENT SUMMARIZED EVERYTHING AND I DON'T NEED TO ADD ANYTHING, EXCEPT THAT WE FEEL HOPEFUL THAT SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN AND SOON FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNITED STATES, OF THE MIDDLE EAST, FOR THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. THANK YOU.

11. FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI: WE HAD, AS THE PRESIDENT
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HAS JUST SAID, AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION, AND VERY CONSTRUCTIVE, AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED, AFTER CONVEYING TO THE PRESIDENT THE DECISIONS WHICH WERE TAKEN UNANIMOUSLY BY THE FOUR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN ALGERIA. WE ARE VERY PLEASED, AS YOU HAVE HEARD THE PRESIDENT, THAT THE UNITED

STATES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A PERMANENT AND JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNTRIES OF THIS AREA, AND WE WELCOME HIS APPROVAL OF DISPATCHING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE AREA AGAIN TO START CONTACTS WITH THE SYRIANS AND THE ISRAELIS TO START WORKING ON A DISENGAGEMENT ON THAT FRONT AS THE UNITED STATES ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED BEFORE SO FAR AS THE EGYPTIAN FRONT AND THERE WAS A SUCCESSFUL RESULT FROM THE U.S. EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD. THANK YOU.

12. AT DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING, SPOKESMAN SAID TRIP
WILL BEGIN MONDAY, FEB. 25, AND WILL INCLUDE DAMASCUS,
JERUSALEM, AND OTHER CAPITALS.

KISSINGER

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